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APPLICANT: Czech et al                      GROUP: 2826  
SERIAL NO: 09/852,123                      EXAMINER: Johannes P. Mondt  
FILED: May 8, 2001  
FOR: ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE PROTECTIVE STRUCTURE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated November 15, 2000.

Please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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- 1 1. (Currently amended) An electrostatic discharge (ESD) protective structure that protects
  - 2 an integrated circuit connected between a first voltage bus with a first supply voltage (VCC)
  - 3 and a second voltage bus with a second supply voltage (VSS), said electrostatic discharge
  - 4 protective structure comprising:
  - 5 a plurality of laterally designed bipolar transistors each having a first load line
  - 6 connected to the first voltage bus and a second load line connected to the second voltage bus,
  - 7 wherein said first load lines are electrically parallel to one another and said second load lines